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In re application of : Confirmation No. 4661  
Kenji TAGAWA et al. : Docket No. 2000\_1199A  
Serial No. 09/653,416 : Group Art Unit 2131  
Filed August 31, 2000 : Examiner Christian Laforgia

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM,  
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD,  
RECEIVING APPARATUS, COMPUTER-  
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM AND  
RECEIVING METHOD

Mail Stop AF

**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 2131**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated January 11, 2005, reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-13 remain in the application and stand rejected.

In item 7 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 5-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hurtado et al. (U.S. 6,418,421), in view of Hall et al. (U.S. 5,920,861), and further in view of Iijima (U.S. 5,515,532) and Nishikawa (U.S. 6,421,685).

The rejection of claims 1-13 under the multifaceted combination of the above references is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The present invention is a novel improvement for allowing a content, such as an audio content having a long playback period, to be moved together with its usage rule information, where the content is stored in a plurality of files.

When moving a content, it is desirable to divide the content into a plurality of files. The reason for this is to restrict a time search table of the file to a fixed length and

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